in Delhi to save fuel and reduce pollution as it has been decided to introduce in other metropolitan cities of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT: (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal since a comprehensive proposal for the introduction of Multi-Modal Mass Rapid Transport System for the National Capital Territory of Delhi is being pursued by the Ministry of Urban Development with a view to improve public transport system in Delhi.

Students DTC Passes on Green Line etc.

3792. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students having the DTC all rounte passes are allowed to travel in the Green Line, Ltd. stops and R.L. Buses etc. so as to avoid heavy crowding in the ordinary general buses of the DTC;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to avoid inconvenience and saving of time of the students as well as the public;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ordinary general buses of the DTC are less than the requirements of the students and the public for their travelling on all routes so as to compel them to travel in the Red line, Green line, Ltd. and R.L. buses etc. in the peak hours of the schools and Government offices; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide more ordinary general buses of the DTC on all routes to avoid their inconvenience and exploitation by the other buses except DTC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, it has been decided to introduce a new category of all route passes @Rs. 220/- per month for general public and Rs. 55/- per month for students which would enable them to travel in all city services of DTC including Green line services of DTC but excluding Palam Coach, Tourist & Inter-State services. These passes would, however, not be valid in buses plying under STA, Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal to add more buses to DTC fleet due to financial constraints.

Declaration of Roads as National Highways in Punjab

3793. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Punjab Government has sent a proposal to the Union Government for declaration of some roads as National Highways in the State :

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the matter on priority basis because of the strategic position of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) The Government of Punjab has forwarded the following proposals for declaration as new National Highways in the 8th Five Year Plan.

S. No.	Name of the road	Length (in km)
1.	Kharar-Morinda-Samrala-Ludhiana-Ferozepur-Fazilka	290
2.	Chandigarh-Rajpura-Patiala-Sangrur-Barnala-Bhatinda	225
3.	Patraon-Sangrur-Moga-Nakodar-Jalandhar	205
4	Ropar-Hoshiarpur-Dasuya	135
5	Jalandhar-Fatehabad	60
	TOTAL :	915

However, on account of financial stringency under the Central Sector Road programme, it is difficult to declare new National Highway in any State including Punjab for the present.

Green Line/White Line Services on Certain Routes

3794. SHRI RAM DEV BHANDARI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Green Line, White Line bus service operating on route Nos. 100, 131, 730, 740 and a large number of students and Government servants, old persons and ladies have to face considerable hardship as the ordinary buses are overcrowded on these routes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) No Green Line and White Line buses are operating on route No. 100, 131, 730 and 740. However, adequate number of DTC ordinary buses and Red Line buses are already operating on these routes to cater to the need of the commuters. DTC also provides additional bus services from en-route points for the convenience of students, Government servants, old persons and ladies during rush hours.

Operation on Green Line services is dependent upon availability of resources at the disposal of the DTC as well as traffic potential. White Line services were introduced initially only in a few selected rountes on an experimental basis. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have now programmed to issue 100 more permits for White Line buses.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have been implementing the scheme of 3,000 stage carriage permits to private operators to augment the transport facilities for the commuters of Delhi. It has also programmed to introduce point to point motor cycle taxi services with a view to provide cheap transport facilities to the single passengers.

Multi-National Company to Build Port in Gujarat

3795. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have agreed to the proposals of a multi-national company, Cangill of USA to build Port facilities in Gujarat for its exclusive use;

(b) if so, the details of negotiations;

(c) whether any royalty of fees would be paid by Cangill to the Government for permission granted to build and operate docking facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) M/s. Cangill Southeast Asia Limited have approached the Kandla Port Trust for lease of land for building a salt works and dedicated jetty. Certain affected parties have obtained a Stay from the Civil Court against this request. Matter has, therefore, not been pursued further.

Allotment of Funds for Development of National Highways

3796. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criterion and rationable about allotment of funds to various States for the National Highways;

(b) whether the ratio of kilometrage and funds is the same in all the States;

(c) what is such ratio for all the States;

(d) what is the reason for giving a step-motherly treatment to Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra in granting such funds; and

(e) whether the discrimination in this regard is proposed to be remedied and if so, by when and in what manner ?